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SUBJ: EMPHASIS ON WORKER CADRE

1. THE TENTH PARTY CONGRESS NOW IN PREPARATION COULD FEATURE MOVES TO INCREASE THE REPRESENTATION OF WORKER CADRE ON THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. AT LEAST REGIME MEDIA MAY BE LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR SUCH AN EFFORT. MEDIA HAVE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS PLUGGED THE THEME OF SELECTING, TRAINING, AND PROMOTING WORKERS FOR CADRE POSITIONS, AND A RECENT PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLE ON THE SUBJECT TWICE REFERRED TO THE IMPORTANCE OF WORKER CADRE PARTICIPATION

IN THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. (NCNA JULY 14 CARRIED THE ARTICLE WITHOUT GIVING A DATE FOR IT.)

2. AS REPORTED BY NCNA, THE ARTICLE BROADLY HINTED AT CONTROVERSY OVER SUCH A MOVE, DECLARING THAT THE "CHOOSING AND TRAINING OF WORKER CADRE HAS ALWAYS INVOLVED THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE TWO LINES". THE ARTICLE CITED MARX AND ENGLES IN ATTACKING
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"SECTARIANS AND SOCIAL QUACKS" WHO LOOK TO THE "EDUCATED CLASSES"

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FOR SUPPORT RATHER THAN TO THE LABOR MOVEMENT. "POLITICAL SWINDLERS"(LIN PIAO AND COMPANY) WERE ACCUSED OF HAVING RESISTED MAO'S CADRE POLICY AND OF "RECRUITING DESERTERS AND RENEGADES TO HIT OUT AT WORKER OR PEASANT CADRE AND SPLIT THEIR RANKS."

3. MEANWHILE, WORKER CADRE WHO ARE MEMBERS OR ALTERNATES OF THE PRESENT CENTRAL COMMITTEE ARE STRONGLY GRAVITATING TOWARD LEADER-SHIP POSITIONS IN THE REVITILIZED TRADE UNIONS (TU) AT THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL. WITH NEW TU COMMITTEES NOW ORGANIZED IN TWO-THIRDS OF THE PROVINCES, 27 OF 43 CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS IDENTIFIABLE AS WORKERS HAVE TAKEN UP LEADING POSITIONS IN THIS MASS ORGANIZATION. AT PRESENT WE ARE INCLINED TO SPECULATE ONLY THAT THE WORKERS MAY BE USED AS A TOOL TO REDUCE OR OFFSET THE MILITARY'S HEAVY REPRESENTATION IN THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. THE TART WARNING SOUNDED IN HUPEH IN JUNE THAT TU'S CANNOT BE PERMITTED TO "LORD IT OVER THE PARTY"(WR26), AND RECENT SIGNS OF POSSIBLE SENSITIVITY WITHIN THE MILITARY OVER ITS DECLINING POLITICAL IMAGE (WR 28) COULD BE STRAWS IN THE WIND.
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